

# Fair British Golf Star May Return to This Country---Middleweights in Big Bout Friday---Activity on Local Diamonds

## MISS RAMSAY MAY REPEAT HER VISIT

British Girl Expects to Return and Golfers Here Hope to See Her Again.

## TOO MUCH LONG GRASS

### BY JOHN G. ANDERSON.

The international rivalry in golf fortunately has not been quite eliminated on this side of the Atlantic this year, even with the war in progress, and its influence has been felt chiefly in the ranks of the women golfers. True, there has been J. S. Worthington as a competitor in the national open on the Minikahda course, but it has been Miss Vera Ramsay and Mrs. W. A. Gavin in the women's ranks who have had the forefront of attention from the international stand-point.

Miss Ramsay left for her home in Leatherhead, England, last week, but with the promise made before departing that she certainly hoped, and fully expected, to return to America after the war, perhaps to take up permanent residence here. She will be a welcome visitor, not alone for her golf and wonderful golf she has shown, but for her delightful personality. Her game of golf stands comparison with that of any of the British girls who have competed on American links, even if that does place her in the same class with Mrs. J. V. Hurd (formerly Miss Dorothy Campbell), Miss Gladys Ravencroft, Miss Muriel Smith, Miss Lotte Dodd and Miss Ruth Adams.

So far an estimate of Miss Ramsay's game is not based purely upon a few observations of her play, but on the strength of her record in the Boston district, where she had her residence and played golf from April of last year to within fortnight past in the season. Two victories in the championship of the Women's Golf Association of Boston means much, especially when it includes triumph over Miss Margaret Curtis, three times the national women's champion; over Miss Fancy C. Osgood, over Mrs. G. W. Roop and others whose play has stamped them as among the best in this country.

**Who Is the Longest Driver?**

Let me express the hope that not only will Miss Ramsay return, but that Miss Cecilia Leitch, the winner of the last British women's championship, also will be in her company. My! but wouldn't there be the gals on hand to day when Miss Leitch starts a match or even a friendly round of golf with Mrs. Quentin Feltner (nee Miss Lillian B. Hyde). Right there would be settled the question of who is the longest driver in the women's world—the entire universe. None there to tempt the Mrs. Feltner, though, so that in our country we can only gainsay that Miss Leitch is the longest woman hitter abroad. But once you say that Miss Leitch is the longest driver in the world, a thousand American followers in golf will step forward with: "You're wrong, quite wrong; she may be a long driver, but her hole cards can't be to Mrs. Feltner." And if you tried to tell a British gallery that there is a girl in America who can outdrive Miss Leitch—well, there would be a chance to get down an amount sufficient to cover the imports in the Bank of England, so far would the backers of Miss Leitch's powers come forward with their wagers.

Advancing from the realm of international mental wanderings into the golfin stage of the moment, I wonder if the green committees of a large number of clubs are doing the fair thing by a majority of the members in the matter of course upkeep. It has become quite common to allow the grass to grow long in front of tees, to catch a topped or badly hit drive, and on many courses it also has become the custom, perhaps through the desire to have the course rated as difficult, to stretch this rough out for a distance that requires the average player to drive at his best, or the time instead of merely half the time, or at least an equitable percentage.

**Long Grass Too Long This Year.**

In normal years the rough in front of the tees might not be considered so unfair, but many green committees fail to take cognizance of the fact that this is not a normal year and that the loss of or "the rough" generally is termed, is abnormally long and abominably "rough." The fact is that it is so long and so thick in many places that places about a 60 or 75 per cent. chance of not being able to hit the ball within a five minute period, or even a ten per cent. chance against the average player is failing to get out in less than two or three strokes.

I would be the last to argue that the long grass hazard in front of the tee should be eliminated entirely, or that an average player should be left without the opportunity to hit him into an improvement of his game in order to circumvent the disastrous effects of a bad shot. But the average golfer is human, after all; he constitutes a large percentage of association membership and there is not the slightest reason in the world why he should be driven to exhaustion and desperation because a green committee thinks that 125 yards in front of a tee should become an excellent example of a well developed field of play.

When the grass grows as long and as thick as has been the case this spring and summer, because of frequent rains, there should be judicious moving and shortening of the "rough." Bunkers are placed on a course to compel the loss, strictly speaking, of one shot to pay up for the bad one, but the ball in the bunker. Is there any reason why long grass should exact a greater penalty than a well placed bunker?

**SCHEDULED BOXING BOUTS.**

**TONIGHT.** Olympic A. C.—Jim Healy vs. Bolder Rochester, N. Y.—Gunboat Smith vs. Tom McManus.

**TUESDAY, JULY 11.** Harten, S. C.—Hampsons—Willie Roth vs. Alvin Coates Jimmy Duffy vs. Bud Palmer.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12.** Horace S. C.—Young Reilly vs. Ray Rivers.

**THURSDAY, JULY 13.** Arctic A. C.—Marty Cross vs. Ray Rivers.

**FRIDAY, JULY 14.** Washington Park S. C.—Jeff Smith vs. Harten, S. C.—Jack Dempsey vs. John Lester Johnson.

**POLICE NINE LOSSES.**

The New York police nine was defeated by the North Bergens at North Bergen yesterday.

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**REGGIE CARRIES OFF LION'S SHARE OF HONORS IN VELODROME BICYCLE MEET.**

**BRASSARD FOR SPENCER**

**NEWARK, N. J., July 9.—Reggie McNamara, the gritty Australian cyclist, won most of the honors at the Newark Velodrome this afternoon when he finished first in the five mile open race, leading a field of thirty-five riders to the tape. Teamed with Bob Spears he won the one mile team match race, beating Frank Kramer, Frank Cavanagh, Alfie Gollet and Alfred Granda.**

**In the five mile open Lloyd Thomas opened up big lead in early miles and held it until the backstretch of the last lap was reached. Here McNamara overtook him and raced to the tape winner.**

**The most popular victory of the afternoon was Arthur Spencer's win over Marcel Dupuy of France in the one mile Brassard race. The summaries:**

**Two-thirds Mile Novice (Amateur)—Won by C. E. Lipsett; Tom Baker, second. Time, 1:28.6.**

**Half Mile Handicap (Professional)—Won by Thomas Smith; Thomas Grimm, 40 yards, second; Joseph G. Kopsky (40 yards), third; Harry Kaiser (25 yards), fourth.**

**One Mile Match Race (Professionals)—Won by Robert E. Spears and Reginald McNamara; Collette and Granda, second; First heat, won by Spears and McNamara; Collette and Granda, second; Kramer and Cavanagh; Collette and Granda, second; McNamara and Granda, third. Time, 1:34.5.**

**One Mile Open (Professional)—Won by Eddie Gollet; Eddie Gollet, second; Eddie Gollet and Alfred Granda, third; First heat, won by Spears and McNamara; Collette and Granda, second; Eddie Gollet, third; Eddie Gollet and Alfred Granda, fourth. Time, 1:34.5.**

**One Mile Open (Professional)—Won by Eddie Gollet; Eddie Gollet, second; Eddie Gollet and Alfred Granda, third; Eddie Gollet, fourth. Time, 1:34.5.**

**Five Mile Open (Professional)—Won by Eddie Gollet; Eddie Gollet, second; Eddie Gollet and Alfred Granda, third; Eddie Gollet, fourth. Time, 4:27.**

**Unknown Distance Race, Invitation (Professionals)—Won by Frank Cavanagh; Eddie Gollet, second; Eddie Gollet, third; Eddie Gollet, fourth. Time, 10:17.5.**

**Two Mile Open (Amateur)—Won by Eddie Gollet; Eddie Gollet, second; Eddie Gollet, third; Eddie Gollet, fourth. Time, 1:50.1-5.**

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